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## Fostering frustration

**Family says foster care rules  
need to change**

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

Karla and Mark Fruson were eager to give a foster child a stable home on their farm, east of Didsbury.

But after a year of paperwork, training and home checks, the couple ran out of steam.

"All we wanted to do was help hurting kids ... give them a safe spot in their stormy lives, but (Alberta Children and Youth Services) made that too difficult," Karla Fruson said.

"After awhile, we just gave up."

In 2008, Alberta's minister of children and youth services announced tougher regulations for foster homes, including monitoring new homes during the first six months of operation and consistent assessment guidelines for foster families.

The new rules, a result of a provincewide foster care review, had families expressing concern this would only make it more difficult to attract new foster families or get potential families approved.

Two years later, that's exactly what happened, Didsbury families say.

But Yvonne Fritz, newly appointed minister of child and youth services, says the "very stringent and very rigorous process" was what stakeholders called for during the review to better protect children in the province's care.

"The former system didn't have strong enough practices ... we needed rigid guidelines in place and that's what we (now) have," she said.

The new rules haven't squashed the amount of foster homes operating in the province, she added.

In the last year numbers of foster homes in Alberta have risen by 77, from 2,301 to about 2,378. Although, Fritz also announced this month that at least 100 of those homes are "overcapacity," providing care to more children than they are licensed to have.

The demand for space doesn't seem to be met and that's frustrating, especially since there seems to be a wealth of families turned away, Fruson said.

"I think you'd be surprised to hear how many families here have tried and failed ... we were all there, we were all ready to help and we were all turned down."

The Frusons applied in 2008, the year the new rules came into effect, and passed the first few steps of the process, including a background and criminal record check and caregiver training.

After a year of waiting, the couple was told they failed their home assessment - the last phase, where an Alberta child services worker visits the family and looks at parenting skills and home safety.

The reason they flunked?

Their dugout was placed too close to the home and presented a drowning issue.

Fruson was flummoxed. Her three children have grown up around the pond without it ever being an issue, but she offered to fence it if it meant they could foster.

"It was the only thing they found wrong so I asked what fence they would need around it so it would no longer be a problem. They said they didn't know. They had never dealt with a dugout issue before."

See Foster Care pg3



**SIGNS OF SPRING** - Didsbury High School leadership committee members Taylor Underwood and Bobbie Keding change the school sign announcing spring break is just around the corner.

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# Residents design new vision for east side

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

Twenty residents put their heads together last week to design a new look for Didsbury's east side.

The exercise will help the town create a redevelopment plan for the area stretching across to Hwy 582 and 15 Ave. and down 20 Ave.

"Eventually industry will be moving out of this area to newly annexed land and we want to know what to put in that area instead - boulevards, shops, parks or more industry," said Brittany Hutton, manager of planning and infrastructure for the Town of Didsbury.

"This isn't something that will happen right away but over the next 20 years or so."

At the meeting, people brought up needs for everything from more downtown parking to pedestrian walkways

and maintaining the sense of community. At least half of the crowd believed as industry naturally progressed to the 14 sectors of annexed land reserved for them, the east side should start to mirror the historic downtown core.

Terry Laurin, who lives on the east side of the tracks, turned up at the meeting to see what the town was considering with the area.

"It's nice to know the town is putting some thought behind what's happening in town and that we can make this place more attractive," he said.

"As it is, there's too much brown space."

Laura Tanner, who also took part in the planning session, believes it's important for people to get involved in the future of this town.

She's hoping to see the east side absorb the downtown's charm, with small storefronts, places to walk and two-

storey buildings.

"I think the biggest issue will be the tracks and figuring out how to deal with them. They divide the town and have this ugly, brown space on either side," Tanner said.

"Someone raised the idea of accepting the railway as part of our heritage and putting old fashioned station benches near the tracks and street lamps up. I like that."

Project designers attending the event, used participants' ideas to do a quick sketch of what development across the tracks could look like. The first step could be designing a park on the strip alongside the railway.

Mayor Brian Wittal heard some concern from the crowd that the redevelopment plan will never come to fruition and said the park could be laid down within the next two years to show taxpayers something tangible. The draft plan will be presented in May at an open house.

## In brief

### Star enthusiasts turn out

A coffee and conversation series at the Didsbury Museum has sparked new interest from residents, who gathered last week to hear a talk on astronomy.

Twenty people sat in on the free event, nibbling on strawberries and pie, as Ken From, a star enthusiast from All-Star Telescope told them how he fell in love with the sky.

People could ask him whatever they wanted - and they did, raising questions about everything from how a star is made to what the sky looked like hundreds of years ago.

"It was tremendous," said Fae Punter, who attended the event for the first time.

"It was very enlightening. He really spoke my language and I will definitely be back to learn more."

The museum has been hosting a coffee and conversation event every second and fourth Wednesday since January but has recently started a speaker series. On May 26 the museum will bring in a bee-keeper to talk about the honey industry.



**MAKING A MOVE** - Tatyanna Boettcher, 14, works the bars recently during Didsbury's Fun Meet.

More speakers could be in stock if the honey talk draws in a good crowd, said museum society president, Frankie Kelly.

"We want to help get people - especially seniors - out of the house to relax and talk ... and get more use out of this building. We think this is a good way to do that," Kelly said.

### Community celebrates all volunteers

Didsbury's Family and Community Support Services is honouring volunteers differently this year, with hopes of drawing out a large crowd.

For the first time, April 20, the organization will celebrate all volunteers in this town with a party at the Zion Evangelical Church. The Didsbury High School Band will provide the entertainment as the community enjoys punch, coffee and dessert.

Over 100 people are anticipated - up from 2009's 75 attendees.

"We feel like we have chased people away by offering (individual) awards because people didn't want to be recognized in front of everyone ... so this year

we will celebrate all the volunteers in this community whether they gave an hour or a year," said Jolene Leutschaft, FCSS coordinator.

FCSS and the Community Services Board decided a change was needed as fewer non-profits picked volunteers for awards. The group has struggled to fill empty nomination categories, such as the Volunteer Award and Family Volunteer Award.

And when they did find volunteers to celebrate, often those people would refuse to attend the event where they would be honoured with a photo and plaque.

"People kept saying they volunteer because they want to, not to get an award ... so we struggled to get them to come," Leutschaft said.

"We think by celebrating everybody, people won't be as reluctant to show up."

### Graffiti artist sought

Police are on the lookout for a graffiti artist who drew on a car and stop sign, March 20.

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# Keding finds songwriting magic

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

Eighteen-year-old Bobbie Keding stepped into the spotlight after a weekend songwriter's intensive; adjusting her guitar and flipping through her notebook as the crowd waited in the dark, just off the stage.

"I brought this song with me because it didn't feel finished. I didn't really like it ... and then yesterday I had some help putting it together," she said.

"I don't think we've called it anything yet but it's kind of ... a man-hating song."

The crowd chuckled, and a few people videotaping the wrap-up concert Sunday afternoon, bent down to whisper, "that girl has stage presence."

Keding is no stranger to the stage - or the spotlight.

The Didsbury High School senior grew up with a mom who sang and a dad who wrote music and when she took up the guitar two years ago, Keding began to do both. She often tests out her new tunes at Mugs Coffee House or Didsbury High School during open mike nights.

"My parents always wanted me to sing but I was too shy. Now they see me singing and writing music and I think they've stepped back, hoping I go with it but not wanting to push me," she said.



Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review  
Didsbury's Bobbie Keding pairs up with Sean Sonogo of Edmonton to perform "It Takes a Man". The duo were part of a weekend-long songwriter's intensive.

Keding hopes to pursue singing and songwriting when she graduates this spring and applying for Olds' first Young Songwriter's Intensive seemed like a step in that direction.

She used the high school's recording equipment to tape Tell Her, a song she'd written, and sent it off to the intensive's organizers at Calgary's Epcor Centre for Performing Arts.

"I liked the idea of an intensive and I was confident in my song but I had no idea what they were looking for or if I'd get in," she said.

Keding became one of 11 Chinook's Edge students selected to take part in the three-day event at the Fine Arts and Media Centre in Olds. Two students from Calgary and Edmonton

also joined in, learning everything from stage presence to how to improve on their music. Alberta musicians Colleen Brown and Scotty Hills led the workshops.

"This is the first time we have branched out to Olds and I think we will definitely do this again," said Geoffrey Ewert, Community programs manager for the Epcor centre.

"I was amazed at how much talent there is at this age and it's cool they were all able to take this in and focus on what they have going for them ... it made it a magical experience."

The students all agreed the best part of the weekend was the jam sessions late at night, when they all crammed into one dorm room. A few songs featured at the wrap-up

concert Sunday were from those evenings, when the group meshed together their ideas and backgrounds.

For Keding, she will bring home with her new friendships with musicians in the region. She expects it won't be long before they get back together to jam or perform.

"This was just fantastic. Awesome. You really bonded together and then you also got to decide where you were going with your music - whether you'd write songs for other people to sing or sing them yourself," she said.

"I definitely want to sing my own lyrics."

Keding can be seen singing at the annual 96.5 Country Star Search at the Didsbury Art, Travel and Trade Expo, April 10.

## Foster care

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Still hoping for a chance to take in a "hurting" child, Karla and Mark asked if they could foster younger children, who wouldn't be able to go outside without parent supervision, but they didn't get a response. It seemed like the ministry wasn't willing to work with them, Fruson said.

They have since moved on from the idea, believing it was not meant to be - Sherree Andrews knows how they feel.

She applied six years ago to be a foster parent; confident that with her background in special needs care she had a lot to offer. Three years later, however, she too failed the application process.

"I was honest with them (during the home assessment) and said I believe in spanking ... I mean my kids probably

can't remember the last time they were spanked, but I believe in doing it."

The social worker evaluating her home asked if she would agree not to use corporal punishment if she got a foster child and Andrews agreed to sign a contract to that accord. But then, the worker asked her to sign a clause saying she wouldn't spank her biological children either and that's where Andrews drew the line.

"I was willing to do everything they asked but on principle I couldn't sign the clause about my own children, so they turned us down."

The ministry told her she couldn't appeal the decision, but she was welcome to apply for an adoption from the foster system instead. She did and was turned down again three years later for what she believes is the same reason.

"What ticks me off, is that a Alberta social worker visited us when we applied to adopt through a Christian agency and approved us," she said.

"It doesn't really make sense ... my only guess is the one they sent us this time understood our family values more. Whatever it was, it makes me wonder if people pass or fail their home assessments based on the personal opinion of the social worker and if that's the case, the process needs to be changed."

The Andrews family is picking up their six-year-old twins from Ethiopia next month.

Hearing the stories - about being turned down for family values to dugouts - has turned Didsbury resident Connie Lahucik off fostering.

She has also heard that an acquaintance of hers - another Didsbury family - fell short of the system because she already cared for five children. Her friend wanted to provide weekend respite as a way to ease into foster care.

"This system seems flawed and it needs to be fixed ... I mean they are really fussy on these home visits and essentially turning down places that may be great for troubled kids," Lahucik said.

"I decided not to bother applying. It seems like there would be quite a kerfuffle and I don't want to mess around."



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Mark and Karla Fruson and their children, Julia, Ethan and Carissa stand in front of a dugout that prompted Alberta Children and Youth Services to turn down their application for foster care.

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# Opinion

## Commentary

### Freezing minimum wage in 2010 was a good move



JANINE CARMICHAEL

On April 1, 2010, Alberta's minimum wage will remain at \$8.80/hour.

Several years ago, the Alberta government announced that minimum wage would increase automatically every April 1 by the same percentage as the year over year increase in average weekly earnings in the province. However, this year the government decided to freeze minimum wage at \$8.80 and have an all-party committee review the process used to increase minimum wage in the future.

It was a good move and the government deserves some kudos.

Putting more income in the hands of lower income Albertans is important and it's a goal shared by the business community. However, raising the minimum wage is not the only way to achieve that goal. While most employers pay above minimum wage already, the extra cost can force some to make the tough choice of reducing hours, or passing up the opportunity to hire more staff. In that case, minimum wage hikes can actually hurt those it's supposed to help.

That's why freezing minimum wage in 2010 was a good move, particularly heading into this year's summer student hiring season.

Hopefully this all-party committee review with include consultation with employers. If so, MLAs will hear about a range of options to help lower income Albertans.

For example, in British Columbia and Nova Scotia they have a slightly lower minimum wage for those who are brand new to the workforce. The idea of this "training wage" is to recognize the significant investment employers make in training new workers.

In Ontario, there is a slightly lower minimum wage for those under the age of 18 and for those who serve liquor. In Quebec, there is a separate wage for those who earn tips as a large proportion of their income.

Another option would be to further increase the basic personal exemption. In 2010, all Albertans can earn \$16,825 before paying provincial income tax. Someone working full-time earning minimum wage would earn \$18,304. Why not raise the basic personal exemption so that no Albertan earning minimum wage pays any provincial income tax at all? It would be an expensive change, but one that would be shared by all taxpayers. And that certainly sounds like a better approach than simply hiking the minimum wage and asking employers to pick up the tab and potentially hurting some lower income Albertans.

*Janine Carmichael is the senior policy analyst for western Canada with the Canadian Federation of Independent Business.*



## Commentary

### Time to spring into action



DAN SINGLETON

The old adage that there's no time like the present can apply to many things. When it comes to being

physically active during leisure times, a recent national study finds that the time is ripe for more people of all ages to get with it.

The Statistics Canada study found that while more Canadians are becoming physically active during their leisure time, far too many people continue to live unhealthy sedentary lifestyles. And that translates into added pressure on the health care system due to related illnesses.

While it's a well-known fact that being physically active can help with heart health, weight control, stress reduction and many other things, whether the various levels of government are doing enough to help people get and keep fit remains an open question.

The study found that almost 50 per cent of the population aged 12 or older – almost 13 million people – were classified as "inactive" during their leisure time, meaning that they do the equivalent of less than half an hour of walking each day.

As well, half of all Canadians reported that they usually sat most of the day. And during a typical week, 41 per cent of Canadians spent less than one hour walking to get to school or work or to do errands.

The study also found that age, sex and level of income were among the factors that influenced an individual's level of physical activity.

"Individuals in higher income groups were more likely to engage in physical activity in their leisure time. Immigrants, regardless of how long they had been in Canada, were less likely to be at least moderately active in their leisure time than were Canadians overall," study officials said.

While the study does not identify specific populations within

provinces, it does say that rural residents are generally more active, and hence more fit, than their counterparts in large urban centres.

With the health system under increasing pressure due to an aging population, there is no time like the present to make physical activity a priority.

And governments at all levels should be doing their part to make that happen by making the necessary investments in facilities such as swimming pools, arenas, bike and walking paths, public gymnasiums and the like.

In West Central Alberta, for example, there is a growing need for new or upgraded facilities – and local taxpayers shouldn't have to carry the whole burden of building and paying for those facilities.

"Canadians who were active in their leisure time were more likely to rate their health excellent or very good," study officials said.

That's a message Alberta families, MPs, MLAs and town councils will hopefully take to heart this spring.

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constraints. To try and accommodate as many requests as possible, please keep submissions to 20 words or less. Please have your submissions in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event you are publicizing.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Donna at 403-335-8733 or Rick at 403-335-9525.

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**RUGBY HALL RENTALS CALL** Della @ 403-335-8767, for meetings, family events or reunions.

• **5-0 Club Hall Rentals.** For Hall rentals &/or info regarding the hall please call Joyce Gee 403-335-2861. • **To Rent Didsbury Elks Hall** Call Jim Wadel 403-335-3481. • **To Rent St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Hall,** contact Myrna Watt 403-335-3745. • **To Rent the Lone Pine Hall,** which is located east of Didsbury, contact Jo-Anne Hannah at 403-335-4190. • **To Rent Mountain View Community Hall** for meetings, community events, family

or group reunions call Sharon 403-335-4288. • **The Fallen Timber Community Hall** offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for info at 403-637-2270.

**DIDSBURY LIFELINE** Emergency Response System - Shirley 403-335-3787, Don 403-335-4676.

**DIDSBURY ROYAL PURPLE #317** Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of each month. For info call Irene Collinge 403-335-4589

**ALANON:** For family and friends of alcoholics, Alice 403-556-5911, Reg 403-337-3762.

**DIDSBURY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP** For friends and families of people with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. Join us the last Monday of each month 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge, 1100 - 20 Ave. Didsbury, 403-335-9848. Dolina Watson, 403-335-7285.

**DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH**

**SERVICES AUXILIARY** monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** 12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters meets on Thursdays at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican church, 130 Albert St. Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 403-948-0563 or Frankie at 403-335-3633.

**3025 RCACC** Didsbury Army Cadets Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Mall 403-559-8801.

**ADULT HALL WALKING** at Westglen School from 6:30pm to 7:30pm from Monday to Friday. Please wear clean dry shoes. For more information call Cindy at 403-335-9437.

**DIDSBURY MUSEUM OPEN** 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tues and Wed., Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. By appointment. Jim 403-335-0003 or Shirley 403-335-3277.

**DIDSBURY & DISTRICT** Community bus. Call Jan to book your trip. 403-335-3052. Competent drivers.

**DIDSBURY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S** meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For location and time please call 403-335-1975.

**MIDWAY COMMUNITY WALKERS** Midway School will be open to anyone that would like to walk inside for exercise without the winter elements. Open every school day 7:30-8:30am. For more info call 403-337-2888.

**PARENT LINK CENTER** Drop in play, FREE Playtime for Parents and Preschoolers (newborn to 6 yrs). Morning, afternoon and evening playtimes available at Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, bay 2, 2030 17 Ave. Contact Linda 403-586-5466.

**IF YOU LIKE TO QUILT** or would like to learn to quilt, come join us at the Church of God 1st & 3rd Monday, 1 - 4 or 7 - 9:30 p.m. For more info call 403-337-8686 leave message. Everyone welcome.

**BABY DROP IN** @ Didsbury Neighbourhood Place from 9:30 to 11:00 on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month. A great opportunity to meet other new parents.

**DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE** supper meetings every 2nd and 4th thursdays. Supper at 7:00 p.m. meeting at 8:00 p.m. Call 403-335-4655.

**SUPPER INVITATION** - The Didsbury Lions Club welcomes men & lady visitors at their supper meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:45 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. For information and to RSVP call 403-335-9173 or 403-335-4796.

**DIDSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE** is a resource centre for the down, we provide information and referral services, community programming, FCSS, resource lending library and meeting space available for rent. Please call 403-335-8719.

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**FRIDAYS** - Cribbage starts at 5-0 Club at 7:30 pm.

**ARC SENIOR RVERS CLUB** - is looking for new members. No weekend camping. For more information contact Jim 403-289-8365 or Mary 403-932-5711.

**MIDWAY SCHOOL** - We would like to welcome you to the midway community. We hope to provide you with some local treasures and information about midway. Contact Tanya @ 403-335-8862.

**BABY DROP-IN** Didsbury Neighbourhood Place. The 4th Wednesday of every month from 9:00-10:00 am. Great opportunity to have baby weighed, talk to public nurse, meet other parents.

**HUNTINGTONS** Are you or someone you love affected by HD? I am looking to start up a support group in the Didsbury area. If you are interested contact Kim Rauhala 403-335-9520.

**COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE** Saturday, May 1, 9 am - 2 pm. Hammett Community Centre. We are located 2 km south of Highway 27 between Olds and Sundre 13-17



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<p><b>Anglican Church of Canada</b> <b>St. Cyprian's</b> 2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 403-335-4664 Rector - Bev Bonnie S. Luft Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Mid-week service every third Wednesday 9:30 a.m. St. Cyprian's is a small, friendly Christian Community who welcomes newcomers. Sunday School will start back in September.</p>	<p><b>Berthel Mennonite Church</b> Didsbury, Alberta 5km S of the Didsbury Overpass, 8km E on Berthel Rd. Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service - 11 a.m. Pastor: Mike Nimz For more information ph. - 403-335-4451</p>	<p><b>St. Anthony's Catholic</b> 2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury For more information please contact Claude Baril 403-335-3842 Catholic Women's League: Wendy MacKenzie 403-335-8507 Knights of Columbus: Gary McNeil 403-335-8611</p>
<p><b>Knox United Didsbury</b> 1406 - 19th Avenue Minister Nancy Nourse Please join our church family for worship, 10 a.m. each Sunday. Nursery Care available for infants and toddlers. Sunday school provided for ages 3-17. For information about mid-week programming for children, youth and adults please call 403-335-8373 or see our website at www.knox-united.com.</p>	<p><b>Redeemer Lutheran</b> LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA 1500 - 23 ST. • Rev. Robert Mohs Church: 403-335-3161 / Res: 403-335-3656 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Worship - 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion 1 &amp; 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m. Jr. &amp; Sr. Youth, Women's &amp; Seniors' Ministry Group Small Group Bible Study meetings throughout the week</p>	<p><b>Chinook Winds Christian Centre</b> 1710 - 14th Street Didsbury SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10 a.m. Dynamic Worship and Bible Teaching Children's Ministry &amp; Nursery Services Ph/Fax: 403-335-3551 • Email: cwcc@airnet.com Senior Pastors: Richard &amp; Beth Kope Associate Pastors: Corey &amp; Erin Kope Celebrating 25 years in Didsbury Members of Ministers Fellowship International</p>
<p><b>West Zion Mennonite Church</b> South of Didsbury to sign - West 1.5 miles Pastor Trevor Kriaka, info - 403-337-2020 Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Nursery available during service. EVERYONE WELCOME!</p>	<p><b>Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church</b> 14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Nunan Office: 403-335-4422 Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m. For information concerning the weekly activities please call the Church Office.</p>	<p><b>Zion Evangelical Missionary Church</b> Corner Hwy. 382 &amp; 20th Ave. Phone: 403-335-3629 Web: www.zemc.org Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor John Reimer, Associate Pastor (Life Groups &amp; Worship) Colin Creighton, Associate Pastor (Global Connections &amp; Youth) Alison LeFebvre, Director of Youth Ministries Christine Little, Director of Children's Ministries Sunday Services Sunday School for all ages 9:30am Worship Service 10:45 a.m. ...with Children's Programs for up to Grade 6</p>

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# Big changes ahead for Colts

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

Once the Mountainview Colts got their legs underneath them last season,

they ran wild.

The team, which featured four vets on the blue line this year, had a rough start to the HJHL season with seven straight losses in

November but by early February the Colts picked up their game to notch two win streaks and gain an 11-19-4 record. They moved fourth in the division, ranking above the Banff Academy Bears and carried Airdrie to five in the playoff series before they lost 7-1.

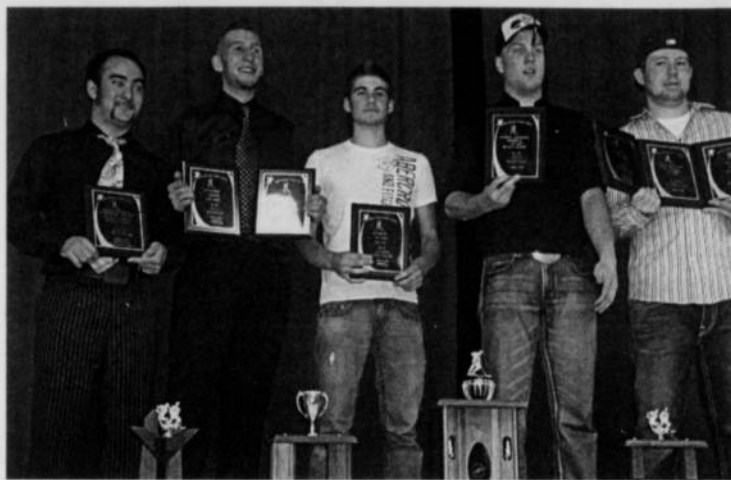
"These guys improved more than any other team I've worked with in 25 years of coaching. They really proved we belong in the league," said Cliff Murphy, during the Colts' award banquet Saturday evening.

Murphy announced to parents, board members and players at the dinner that he plans to take a year off as head coach - his first break since he started his career at 16 years old.

He began with his brother's A team in his brother's for the first 15 years, before coaching the Olds Grizzlies and then the Mountainview Colts.

"It just seemed like a good time to take a break. I still plan to be involved on the board but I am not going to be the head coach ... I'll be yelling at the guys from behind the glass," Murphy said.

A new head coach isn't the only change people can expect next year. Three veteran players won't be on the ice next year as they've exhausted their eligibility, including team captain Danny Miller, goalie Jason Arnason and forward Eric



Mountainview Colts Gary Lyczewski, Eric Becker, Jason Edwards, John Middtdal and Kody Wickham accept awards during the Colts banquet last Sunday.

Becker.

Nineteen-year-old defenceman Braeden Anderson, is expected to play for Fort McMurray's Oil Barons next year, while goalie Devon Dell keeps net for the Quesnel Millionaires in B.C.

Murphy also suspects a Junior A team will sweep up centre Jason Edwards. The 16-year-old Didsbury product has led fourth in scoring this season.

"There will definitely be some holes to fill next year. We have some players and we are encouraging them to seek the next level," he said.

With Arnason gone and Dell courting a new team, this could also be the first

time the Colts have to beat the bush to find a goalie. Though they already have their eye on some local talent, including Didsbury goalie Jordan Kerr.

The annual banquet also featured awards to honour players - wherever they may head next year - and right-wing Kody Wickham swept up the majority of hardware.

He took the title of leading scorer for a 12-11-23 record. He placed 18th in the division for his efforts on the rink. He also won the Michael Brander Memorial Leadership Award and Most Valued Player.

"I have only gotten an award once before as most

improved player with (the Airdrie Thunder) ... to win three, means a lot. This is from the guys so it shows how much they think of me."

"I went out there this year as a fourth year player and helped show the young guys the ropes and took real pride in doing that. I am glad to know I helped out there."

Wickham plans to play again for the Colts for his final year of eligibility.

Eric Becker also took home awards over the weekend, including Coaches' Award and Fan Favourite.

"There is a trend that the fighters get the award - I'm not too sure how my mom's going to feel about that but ... there you go," Becker said as he accepted the plaque.

Becker racked up 136 penalty minutes over the season. This spring he's finishing off an energy asset management program at SAIT and hopes to get a gig coaching the Colts next year.

Recognition also went to forward John Middtdal, who won the Warren Persinger Heart and Hustle Award and defenceman Gary Lyczewski for the Frank Murphy Outstanding Defenceman Memorial Award. Jason Edwards won Rookie of the Year.

The players cast the award ballots, with the exception of the Fan Favourite Award and Coaches' Award.

## In and Around Didsbury

Marge St Clair

The annual **St. Patrick's Closing Mixed Bonspiel** was a great success again this year. Beautiful green decorations all around all the windows and tables filled with over 100 people for the supper Sat. night. And the results:

**A Event** - 1. Sean O'Connor - Calgary; 2. Rod Collinge - Didsbury; 3. Terry Barass - Didsbury; 4. Brad Halbauer - Didsbury.

**B Event** - 1. John Rusling - Didsbury; 2. Cody Atkinson - Didsbury; 3. Lana Kreiser - Didsbury; 4. Mitch Rauhala - Didsbury.

**C Event** - 1. Ed Wicks - Sundre; 2. Doug Weigum - Didsbury.

**D Event** - 1. Alan Stewart - Calgary; 2. Eric Allen - Olds-Didsbury.

### Thurs. Apr. 1

All seniors with a birthday in April are welcome to Eldon Foote Hall (train station) after 1:30 p.m. You will enjoy the birthday cake served, songs and meeting new people.

### Tues. Apr. 6

The Didsbury Hospital Auxiliary will meet at 2 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital. New members most welcome.

### Fri. Apr. 9

Cribbage play will resume tonight at 7 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. Coffee and goodies for all.

### Wed. Apr. 14

This is the day for you to enjoy a pot luck dinner at the 5-0 Centre starting at 12:30 p.m. Your favourite meat dish, veggies, salad or dessert will be enjoyed by all.

### Wed. Apr. 14

You are welcome to come to the museum from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for "Coffee and Conversation". A great time to meet new people and learn more about our town and district.

### Thurs. Apr. 15

You are welcome to bring your 3-5 year olds to the Didsbury Library from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. for them to enjoy the stories, songs and rhymes. Please remain at the library with them.

### Tues. Apr. 20

Bring your lunch to the library from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. to meet Trina Lonsberry. Trina will be talking about Peer Support Services for Abused Women and Inspiring Teens - programs of support and education that operate throughout Mountain View County.

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# Ag society hopeful for larger attendance

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM  
Review Staff

The Didsbury Agricultural Society could see stands beef up at the annual rodeo this summer, now that Olds has shut down their event.

Olds offered a pro rodeo up until three weeks ago, when it asked the Canadian Pro Rodeo Association to officially strike it off the circuit.

The Olds Agricultural Society cited a loss of \$55,000 to \$130,000 each year for the last decade as fewer people bought tickets for the August fair and rodeo, and has been asking the event's committees to come up with solutions to gain revenue this year. Good ideas saved events – as it did with the Heavy Horse Show and Junior Livestock Show, which have come up with raffles and new partnerships with the Calgary Stampede.

Groups who couldn't think up ways to recoup costs have shut down. The rodeo and Horticulture Creative Art Show are two such events.

The Didsbury Ag Society heard about the rodeo cancellation last week and say they aren't surprised – rodeos are expensive and it's hard to draw a solid crowd.

"Neither Olds or Didsbury are really rodeo

towns ... this isn't western country like Sundre or Water Valley and so it's hard to get as many people interested," said Vair Whitlow, arena director for the Didsbury Agriculture Society.

The Didsbury Rodeo has had its own struggles. It was only able to rope in 500 people last year – 300 less than in 2008 – and like Olds, the rodeo hasn't been much of a money-maker.

But members of the Ag society say they have no plans to shut down and anticipate a stronger year at the 2010 rodeo.

"We have been breaking even for the last 20 years and are still doing fine," said Craig Anderson, president of the Didsbury Agriculture Society.

"And we expect this year to be better. Even though we are a semi-rodeo and not quite the same as Olds, we think more people looking for a local show will come to ours ... and we could also draw more people with our events."

The Didsbury Agricultural Society has budgeted \$2,000 more for the rodeo and fair this year. They hope to install a permanent building to replace the beer garden tent and offer more activities for children, including a midway and a visit from the Giggle Gang, August 19 and 20.



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Lois E. Shannon (nee Cunningham) was born in Didsbury, Alberta on June 8th, 1922 and lived in Didsbury her entire life. She passed away quietly at the Didsbury Hospital on March 20th, 2010 after a brief illness.

Lois married Donald Shannon, also from Didsbury, in 1942 and they enjoyed many happy years together until his untimely death in 1982. She was also predeceased by her brother Clarence A. (Hoop) Cunningham of Taber in 1999.

She is survived by her sister Alma Shannon, her son Richard (Leanne) Shannon, her daughter Kathleen Dobson, her granddaughter Rachel (Andrew) Zollinger, her grandson Mark Shannon and her beloved great grandson Sam Andrew Zollinger, all of Calgary. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews on both sides of her extended family.

In the early years, Lois followed her husband's travels in the road construction business, keeping house for her family in a "modest" trailer and often cooked meals for the crew in primitive circumstances. Lois also worked in the retail business in Calgary during WWII and in Didsbury in later years. She was a volunteer at the Didsbury Hospital and the Didsbury Museum and her advice was often sought as the Museum tried to identify old pictures from their archives. She was very involved in planning and organizing many Didsbury School Reunions and took great pleasure in keeping in contact with her classmates.

Lois was voracious reader and kept a meticulous diary of the books she had read, noting her comments on the quality of the author's writing, the propriety of the subject matter and the language used in particular books, many of which failed to meet her standards! She took great pride in the career and personal accomplishments of her children and grandchildren. She was also an avid student of history and geography and particularly enjoyed her trips to the British Isles and British Columbia with Kathleen and followed with keen interest Rachel's travels in Europe and the Middle East and Mark's adventures in Australia and Southeast Asia.

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# FRONT PORCH REALTY

<b>36 Westpoint Drive</b> Gorgeous custom built home, over 1500 sq ft, hardwood, gas fireplace, amazing kitchen, fully finished, excellent location!  <b>\$419,900</b>	<b>36 Westhill Crescent</b> Nice area of town! 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, main floor laundry, great yard with R.V. parking and oversized single garage  <b>\$269,900</b>	<b>1909 - 17 Street</b> Lovely maintenance free living, new hardwood floors, new paint and baseboards, 2 bedrooms, main floor laundry, double garage, reasonable HOA fees  <b>\$239,900</b>	<b>1404 - 22 Street</b> Beautiful 2 year old home, fully finished, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, jetted tub, hardwood, kitchen island, walk-in closet in master, just move on in!  <b>\$339,900</b>	<b>101 - 104, 1114 Nanton St.</b> <b>Carstairs</b> Super 4-plex investment property! Each unit has 3 bedrooms & 2 bath, built in 2004, fully rented, on separate condo titles, good return on these newer units.  <b>\$783,900</b>	<b>104, Westview Greens</b> Nice Adult condo apartment, 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 9' ceilings, corner gas fireplace, main floor location, single garage  <b>\$169,900</b>
<b>38 Valarosa Drive</b> Great family home, 3+1 bedrooms, 3 baths, hardwood, fully finished, vaulted ceilings, 2 tiered deck, nice yard  <b>\$284,900</b>	<b>1271 - 23 Avenue</b> Wonderful adult living with no condo fees! open plan, hardwood, 3 sided fireplace, sunroom, just, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, great kitchen, much more!  <b>\$334,900</b>	<b>3.01 Acres Ready For Your Dream Home!</b>  Drilled well, fenced perimeter, centrally located just 7 minutes west of Olds <b>\$214,900</b>	<b>2125 - 25 Avenue</b>  Great newer family home that is affordable, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, corner gas fireplace, covered front entry, tiered rear deck, nice area <b>\$279,900</b>	<b>#67, Didsbury Mobile Home Park</b> Beautiful home on rented lot, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, 1216 sq ft, only 3 years old, reasonable lot rent.  <b>\$113,900</b>	<b>108 Westhill Close</b> Great opportunity! 1400+ sq ft and needing some attention, 3+2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, fireplace, oversized double garage, great location  <b>\$260,000</b>



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<b>105 Morris Place</b> Wow! 1300 sq ft, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, hardwood up and down, 9' ceilings up and down, interior heat in basement, gas fireplace, granite counter tops, great view to the west  <b>\$479,900</b>	<b>2202 - 20 Street</b> Terrific commercial land in down town Didsbury, 336 feet of frontage, fully serviced in 2 places, great location  <b>\$199,900</b>	<b>6.2 acres on Bergen Road</b> 1400 sq ft home, fully developed, in floor heat, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 30' x 40' heated shop, beautiful setting close to many communities  <b>\$569,900</b>
<b>Mobile to be moved</b> Affordable option to cut up on your acreage! 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1400 sq ft  <b>\$19,900</b>	<b>912 Carriage Lane Place, Carstairs</b>  3 bedroom bungalow, 2 baths, hickory laminate floors, maple cabinetry, 3 sided gas fireplace, some basement development started, double detached garage <b>\$314,000</b>	

<b>2102 - 20 Street</b>  Great commercial opportunity! 5 commercial lots on busy main street in Didsbury, 130' x 130' total <b>\$250,000</b>	<b>1553 McAlpine Street, Carstairs</b>  Brand new home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, main floor laundry, vaulted ceilings, walk through pantry, 9' basement, hardwood and more! <b>\$368,742</b>	<b>12 Westhill Place</b>  Affordable 4 bedroom duplex, 1 1/2 baths, fully developed, huge back yard with room for garage, excellent location <b>\$179,900</b>	<b>1 Valarosa Point</b>  Beautiful modified bi-level, 1302 sq ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood, 3 sided gas fireplace, walk-in closet, much more <b>\$329,900</b>	<b>9 Southridge Crescent</b> Affordable mobile home on its own lot backing onto country park  <b>\$89,900</b>
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<b>17 Westhill Crescent</b>  Backing onto Park! 3 + 1 bedrooms, 3 baths, gas fireplace, vaulted ceiling, walk-up from third level, garage/workshop <b>\$279,900</b>	<b>1901 - 14 Street</b>  Wow, beautiful 3 bedroom family home with lots of unique extras, 7 - 2 sided fireplaces, beautiful kitchen, amazing ensuite shower system, huge lot <b>\$399,900</b>
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<b>2326 - 15 Avenue</b>  Nice family home, 2 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, bubble jet tub, beautiful hardwood, single garage, large lot <b>\$249,900</b>	<b>39 Meadowview Court</b>  Let your instant help pay the mortgage! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceiling, gas fireplace, self contained 2 bedroom basement suite, large double garage, big lot <b>\$359,900</b>	<b>18 Valarosa Cove</b>  Brand new and beautiful over 1600 sq ft, hardwood, gas fireplace, open plan, 9' ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, main floor laundry, walk-out basement, and much more! <b>\$324,900</b>
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